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All Concerned
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Sub: **Selection for promotion within Group 'C' posts introduction of 100% objective type multiple choice questions - clarification reg.**

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A copy of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) letter bearing no.E(NG)I/2018/PM1/4, dated 07/11/2023 (**RBE No. 122/2023**) on the above cited subject is circulated herewith for information, guidance, and further necessary action. A copy of Board's earlier letter dated 09/06/2011 mentioned therein is also enclosed for ready reference.

DA: As above.

21.12.23

(Sharmistha Das)
Asstt. Personnel Officer/T
For Pr. Chief Personnel Officer

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Index No. 1060: Clarification regarding procedure to be adopted for evaluation of answer sheet in selection for promotion within Group 'C' posts introduction of 100% objective type multiple choice questions.

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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)I/2018/PM1/4 New Delhi, dated 07.11.2023

The General Manager (P),
All Zonal Railways/PUs
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Clarifications have been sought by certain Railways/ PUs on procedure to be adopted on certain issues connected with objective type questions in departmental selections/ LDCE etc. The matter has been examined by the Board and the position with respect to the issues raised is clarified as under:

SN	Queries	Clarifications
1	What action is to be taken if the question paper contains mistakes viz. questions having no correct answers in all four options (multiple choices); ambiguous questions; wrong mathematical or scientific symbols and if the Paper Setter himself confers his/her mistakes in the question paper.	As per Railway Board's letter No. 2010/E(RRB)/25/27 Pt. dated 09.06.2011 which stipulates that wherever any question(s) in the question paper(s) is found to be incorrect, the question(s) may be omitted from the scope of evaluation instead of giving grace mark(s) and raw score may be assessed on percentage basis. The same principle may be adopted for departmental examinations also.
2	Who can be the competent authority to take decision to identify question(s) as wrong and to omit such question(s) from the scope of evaluation, whether the question paper setter or the next higher authority.	After concluding the departmental examinations, objection from the candidates may be obtained. Members of Selection Board i.e. Question paper setter should decide regarding correctness of questions/options and evaluator should also satisfy himself with the same, before starting the evaluation.
	The procedure of RRB selection and departmental selections are different as in RRB, 100 questions are provided to candidates with direction to attempt all the questions whereas in departmental selections, there are total 110 questions i.e.100+10 optional questions of Rajbhasha. Out of 10 questions, only 100 questions required to be attempted by the employees. In this situation, some of employees may attempt wrong question (s) and some of	The following procedure being followed in selections and LDCE for promotions from Group-C to Group-B may also be made applicable for Group C selections/LDCE. "In case, some of the question(s)/answer(s) therein are incorrect, the procedure as

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3	them may not attempt the wrong question and attempt other question (s) of Rajbhasha already available in the question paper. In such a situation two type of answer sheets are available one is for those employees who have attempted wrong question (s) and 2nd for those who have not attempted the so called wrong question (s) and instead of wrong question (s) attempted other question (s) available in question paper.	prescribed in the letter No. 2010/E(RRB)/25/27 dated 09.06.2011 is to be adopted only for those candidates who have attempted that/those incorrect question(s) or question(s) with wrong answer(s). This will be applicable to question paper(s) involving optional question(s)".
4	Whether the procedure to be adapted in the departmental selections needs to be notified to the candidates (employees) in advance.	The procedure being followed presently may continue or the same may be modified as deemed fit to suit all existing requirements. Provision of deletion of questions in case of wrong answer should be mentioned in the notification.
5	Is there any limit on the maximum number of questions that can be omitted from the scope of evaluation and order for cancellation of written examination if the number of questions identified as wrong which exceeds the certain limit?	No such limit has been prescribed.

This disposes off SCR's letter No. P(R)605/XIV dated 08.07.2021, ICF's letter No. ICF/VIG/2021/PC/285 dated 26.04.2021, NCR's letter No. 797-E/NCR/Policy/Selection/2022 dated 06.06.2022 and BLW's letter no. GM(P)CC/Selection/Policy dated 02.09.23.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Hindi version will follow.

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5. The Secretary General, IRPOF, Room No.268, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi (5 spares).

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No. 2010/E(RRB)/25/27 Pt. New Delhi, Dated 09.06.2011

The Chairmen,
All Railway Recruitment Boards.

Sub.: Evaluation of OMR Answer Sheets of RRB examination – regarding uniform method.

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There have been instances where one (or more) set of question Paper(s) involves an error in question(s) at the printing stage or a question having wrong answer or otherwise. It has come to notice that different RRBs are adopting different methods for dealing with such cases. With a view to have uniformity by all RRBs in such cases, please note that in future, wherever, any question(s) in the question paper(s) is found to be incorrect, the question(s) may be omitted from the scope of evaluation instead of giving grace mark(s) and raw score may be assessed on percentage basis. For example, there are total 100 number of questions and one question is wrong, only marking of 99 questions be considered and the marks obtained may be proportionally equated to the marks of 100 questions followed by necessary normalization process.

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